Mr. I. N. Menon.—Copy of the instructions given by the Director is placed on the table. (*Appendix VII*).

102. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table copies of the reports thus far furnished by the officers engaged in field-work in the Educational Survey?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The final report is only being compiled. The interim reports made by the Inspecting Officers to the Director of Public Instruction are confidential and cannot therefore be placed on the Council table at this stage.

Sufficiency of the existing number of Schools.

103. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

1. whether they consider the existing number of schools in the State are more than sufficient to meet the educational needs of the State;

2. if so, what is the data on which such conclusion has been based?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—1. Government have not yet received the report on the Educational Survey and they are therefore not in a position to express an opinion.

2. In view of the answer to (1), this question does not arise.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the statement in the Administration Report for 1106 is correct? On page 35 it is said that the existing number of schools in the State are more than sufficient to meet the educational needs of the State. May I know whether that statement in the Administration Report is correct?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Administration Report was written at the end of last year, that is, long before the Educational Survey got in full swing and it also represents the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether there was any data to come to that conclusion?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The data will be seen from the appendix to these questions and the answers given to some other questions. For instance, in Trichur we take the population and find the number of schools more than adequate. That was how we proceeded with.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know, though there may be locally a large number of schools, taking the whole State together, whether the statement, that the existing number of schools is considered more than sufficient, is justifiable?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—I said it was the opinion expressed by the Director before the Survey was in full swing and as to what the Government thinks of doing after the Survey is over, the Hon'ble Member has to wait for the results to be published.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether about 30 per cent of the children of school-going age is yet outside the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think from the latest figures 81 per cent or so are in schools.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether provision will not have to be made for children who are outside the school but who are of school-going age?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It depends on whether Government proposes to introduce compulsion ; otherwise it will not be possible to bring all these children into school.

Expenditure for schools in 1106.

104. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing the expenditure incurred by the Government in 1106 on (i) the Sirkar High School, Trichur, (ii) the Sirkar High School, Irinjalakkuda, (iii) the Sirkar High School, Chittur, (iv) the Vivekodayam High School, Trichur, (v) the St. Thomas High School, Trichur, (vi) C. M. S. High School, Trichur, (vii) the Jubilee Girls' High School, Trichur. (viii) Sacred Heart's Convent High School, Trichur, (ix) Sirkar Girls' High School, Irinjalakkuda, (x) St. Teresa's Convent Girls' High School, Ernakulam;

N. B.—In the case of Sirkar schools expenditure for the schools in whatever form incurred by the Education or Public Works Departments are to be taken as expenditure on the schools.

2. the number of pupils in each of the above schools in the primary, lower secondary and upper-secondary standards;

3. the average expenditure so incurred by the Government per pupil in 1106 in each of the above schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes. A statement containing the particulars is appended (*Appendix VIII.*)

Visha Vaidyan in the Anthikkad Constituency.

105. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there is at present any Government aided Visha Vaidyan (വിഷ വൈദ്യൻ) in the Anthikkad constituency;

(2) whether representations have been received for appointing a Visha Vaidyan in the constituency;

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